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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1 and 6 are independent. Claims 3 and 8 are amended.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

In sections 4 and 5 on pages 2 and 3, the Office Action rejects claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Examiner Termanini is thanked for the telephone interview conducted on August 17, 2007. Examiner Termanini is further thanked for agreeing that the proposed amendment to claim 3 overcomes the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Examiner Termanini is further thanked for memorializing this agreement in the Interview Summary dated August 23, 2007. Claim 3 is amended as proposed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 3, as amended, is definite. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 3 as allegedly being indefinite be withdrawn, Applicant thanks Examiner Termanini for agreeing to do so.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

In sections 6 and 7 on pages 3-6, the Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0018665 to Dovin et al. (hereinafter "Dovin"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claims 1 and 6 recite "displaying status information of a displayed network object on a terminal." In telecommunication network management tools, operators work within a

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hierarchical network map to monitor and troubleshoot physical elements within the network map. The subject matter quoted above relates to displaying data regarding these physical network objects within the telecommunications network.

Applicant respectfully submits that Dovin does not disclose, teach, or suggest the subject matter quoted above. Dovin is directed solely to navigation between web pages and retrieval of information identified by a URL, not the display of status information of a network object as recited in the rejected claims. See section [0028]. For example, as shown in Figure 5, Dovin merely creates a series of links enabling the user to navigate between web pages and then displays these links in conjunction with the data stored at a particular URL. The information displayed by Dovin is in no way related to the status of physical network objects maintained within a telecommunications network, as recited in claims 1 and 6.

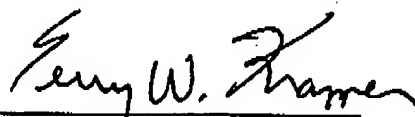
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Dovin does not disclose, teach, or suggest "displaying status information of a displayed network object on a terminal," as recited in claims 1 and 6. Claims 2-4 depend from allowable claim 1 and claims 7-9 depend from allowable claim 6. Accordingly, claims 2-4 and 7-9 are also allowable over Dovin at least by virtue of their dependencies.

For at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 be withdrawn.

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REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

In sections 8 and 9 on pages 6-10, the Office Action rejects claims 5 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Dovin in view of U.S. Publication No. 2005/0132018 to Milic-Frayling et al. (hereinafter "Milic-Frayling"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 5 is allowable based at least on its dependence from claim 1 for the reasons stated above in connection with claim 1. Claim 10 is allowable based at least on its dependence from claim 6 for the reasons stated above in connection with claim 6. Milic-Frayling fails to overcome the deficiencies in Dovin described above, as Milic-Frayling is directed to Internet browser history, not physical network objects in a telecommunications network as recited therein.

For at least the forgoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.